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Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that acknowledgement was not received for the PTO Form 1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on September 8, 2000.

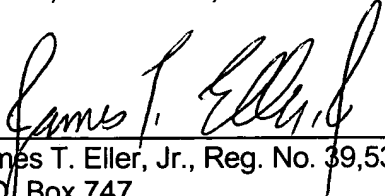
In addition, the undersigned has noted that even though acknowledgement was received for the PTO Form 1449 filed on December 7, 2000, the Examiner did not initial one of the references. No reason was given as to why the reference did not get initialed.

Accordingly, a copy of each unacknowledged PTO Form(s) 1449 is attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return the initialed form(s) to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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